

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W8 3549(I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 12, 2007, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2007-08 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W7 3549 is hereby amended, and the following 2007-08 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2007 - 2008 Regulations for
Tuscumbia Wildlife Management Area

Alcorn County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
<u>UNIT 1</u>			
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER WEIGHT LIMIT and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth	Nov. 10	Nov. 16	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 17	Nov. 30	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 1	Dec. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 15	Jan. 17	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 18	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 22	Sep. 28	

SQUIRREL	Sep. 29	Feb. 28	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	
RABBIT	Oct. 13	Feb. 28	

UNIT 2

DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Dec. 9	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
RABBIT, SQUIRREL, RACCOON	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.	First season only.	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.	See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TUSCUMBIA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 15 - 16).

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 100 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

WATERFOWL:

UNIT 1: Open with state seasons and bag limits.

UNIT 2: Waterfowl hunting on UNIT 2 is by special permit only. Permits will be awarded by drawing process from applicants. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to: Tuscumbia Waterfowl Hunt, Holcut Office, 95 Hwy 364, Tishomingo, MS 38873. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be returned by Nov. 1, 2007 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Waterfowl hunts will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays beginning Dec. 15, 2007. Each permitted hunter will be allowed three hunting guests. All hunters must remain inside their assigned hunt station areas at all times. On the mornings of Unit 2 waterfowl hunts, non-permitted hunters may come to the WMA Headquarters and enter a random drawing for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up by 5:30 am. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1:00 pm. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: ATVs are only allowed for retrieval of harvested deer and for waterfowl draw hunt and waterfowl youth weekend access on Unit 2 the day of the hunt. When retrieving harvested deer by ATV, no firearms may be in possession.


HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.


BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 14, 2007.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: 
William C. Deviney, Chairman

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BY: 
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